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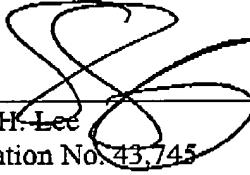
With this Amendment, Claims 44-55 are pending, and Claims 1-43 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims at a later date. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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